

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending. By this Amendment, Figures 8-9(E) are amended by the attached replacement drawing sheets inserting --(Related Art)--, claims 1 and 3-5 are amended, and claim 17 is added. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Office Action indicates that claims 1-9 include allowable subject matter.

I. The Drawings Satisfy All Formal Requirements

The Office Action objects to the figures as not being designated by a proper legend. Figs. 8-9(E) are corrected by the attached replacement drawing sheets to be designated by the legend "Related Art". The specification at page 1 refers to these figures as "Related Art". Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

II. The Claims Satisfy the Requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph


The Office Action rejects claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Claims 1, 4 and 5 are amended to address the Examiner's comments. Further, claim 3 is amended to clarify the invention. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

Replacement Sheets (Figures 7-9(E))

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